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Former Goddard's Bakery, Claremont *Success in USTfields Assessment Grant Program*

Overview

The N. H. Department of Environmental Services (DES) received three USTfields grants from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in 2000 and 2001 to address the cleanup and redevelopment of leaking underground storage tank sites. The grant funding made it possible for DES to provide assistance to a number of facilities in New Hampshire, including the Goddard's Bakery site. DES worked with the city of Claremont and the site developer to demonstrate eligibility for the State Petroleum Reimbursement Fund, which made it possible to revitalize the former commercial bakery.

At A Glance:

Site Location: Claremont, N.H.

Site Profile: Three-acre former commercial bakery

USTfields Assistance:

Comfort Letter

Accelerated ODD Fund Eligibility Determination

History

The three-acre site was a former commercial bakery that operated from 1942 until 1981. The building was then used as a flea market mall until it became vacant in 1995. In the spring of 1998, the city took the property for back taxes. The city sold the property to a developer in December of 1999. The building was renovated in 2002 to 2003 and is currently on the real estate market.



Site Assessment

In October of 1994, the former property owner removed four underground storage tanks without DES oversight or notification. The Claremont Fire Department reported the tank removals to DES and noted that strong petroleum odors were present. The excavation was backfilled before DES was able to mobilize to the site and no tank closure report was ever prepared. DES requested that the owner complete an initial site characterization in November 1994. The owner never complied with the request. When the city

acquired the property in 1998, DES worked with the city to make the property eligible for the State Petroleum Reimbursement Fund. Initially, the city identified and removed six underground storage tanks. The city then completed an initial site characterization in March 2000 and a site

investigation in May 2002. In February 2004, a supplemental site investigation/pilot study for a soil vapor extraction system was completed.

The most recent round of groundwater quality results indicate that floating petroleum product is present in two onsite monitoring wells and that additional remediation is required. The remediation costs will be reimbursed by the petroleum reimbursement fund.



Bakery building with a new roof, windows and façade.

Vision for the Future

For a variety of reasons, redevelopment of the property had been hampered for a number of years until DES met with the owner and the city to provide assurances that the State Petroleum Reimbursement Fund would be able to cover the majority of the environmental costs. The building has now been rehabilitated, including selective demolition, a new roof, windows, façade and interior work. The property is currently on the real estate market.

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